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Date: November 20, 2016
To: National Park Service
From: BikeABQ
Re: Proposed Petroglyph National Monument Master Visitors Use Plan

Dear Nathan, Attila, Andre and Dennis,

BikeABQ, its members and the Albuquerque Mountain Bike Association (AMBA) support the continued inclusion of Mountain Bicycle Trails on the grounds of the Petroglyph National Monument. As Albuquerque and the State of New Mexico continue to include development of bicycle infrastructure it is the cycling community's preference that the grounds of the Petroglyph National Monument be developed to integrate cycling use. We believe that managed cycling through the great expanse of the monument can be a convenient way for more of the public to witness the natural science and cultural resources of the land. We also recognize that unabated intrusion on the land can compromise the integrity of the same. As such, we are eager to share with you our comments on the proposed Master Visitors Use Plan for the Petroglyph National Monument.

Overall, the cycling community supports the 37 miles of multiuse trail segments with its 33 access points as proposed in the "Draft Management Concept B: Managed Intentional Recreation for Visitors and the Local Community". In order of importance, the following enhancements to Concept B are requested as funding is available:

- 1) Multiuse trails are constructed to support beginner level mountain bike activities.
 - a. It is not necessary to make the multi use trails of a difficult level for mountain bikes as the Sandias already provide mountain bike trails of a more difficult level.
- 2) Way finding markers.
- 3) Shade structures every 3 miles.
- 4) Water fountains at the shade structures.

BikeABQ and the Albuquerque Mountain Bike Association (AMBA) supports Draft B of the Petroglyph National Monument Master Visitors Use Plan. The inclusion of beginner level Mountain Bike Trails, way finding markers, shade and water resources we believe will enable more of the public to access the natural and cultural resources of the park. Please contact myself or any board member of BikeABQ and AMBA with questions. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute.

Sincerely,

Ron Rizzardi

Board Member

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